

HOUSE BILL 3154

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4,
Chapter 3, Part 50, relative to the Tennessee film,
entertainment and music commission.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-3-5003, is amended by deleting subsection (a) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(a)

(1) There is created within the office of the governor, the Tennessee film, entertainment and music commission.

(2) The commission shall be administered by an executive director who shall be appointed by the governor upon the recommendation of the search committee in accordance with subsection (b), whose compensation shall be established by the governor and who shall serve at the pleasure of the governor.

(3) Candidates for the position of executive director shall have been primarily employed in the film, television or music industry for a minimum of five (5) years or have a minimum of five (5) years of work experience with a state film commission.

(4) The executive director shall report directly to the commissioner of economic and community development, who shall advise the executive director as necessary and represent the commission as provided in § 4-3-122.

(5) For administrative purposes only, the commission shall be attached to the department of economic and community development.

(b)

(1) There is established a state film, entertainment and music search committee which shall interview candidates for the executive director position when a vacancy occurs and shall make recommendations on such candidates to the governor. The search committee shall have no rulemaking authority and shall serve in an advisory capacity only. The members of the committee shall serve without compensation, but may be reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in official duties.

(2) The search committee shall be comprised of five (5) members who currently work in the film, television or music industries, and shall include at least one (1) member from each of the grand divisions of the state and one member from the city of Chattanooga. One (1) member of the committee shall be appointed by the governor and serve as chairperson, two (2) members shall be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, and two (2) members shall be appointed by the speaker of the senate. The current state regional film commissioners shall provide information to the search committee upon request of the committee.

(3) The entire membership of the search committee shall be vacated and shall be replaced by new appointments at the beginning of each gubernatorial term of office. The search committee shall vote at its first meeting to determine whether to consider new candidates for the position of executive director or to allow the present executive director to continue to serve in such capacity. A majority vote of the members of the committee shall be necessary to support a motion. Upon the vote of the committee to consider new candidates for the executive director position, notice of the vacancy shall be posted in newspapers of general circulation throughout the state. The committee shall make a written

recommendation to the governor on or before February 28, to fill a vacancy created at the beginning of the governor's term of office. All other recommendations to the governor shall be made within twenty-one (21) days of the date of the vacancy occurred.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2010, the public welfare requiring it.